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FOR: THIN-FILM EL DEVICE, AND ITS FABRICATION PROCESS

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new Claims.

6. (New) The thin-film EL device according to Claim 1, wherein said electrically insulating substrate maintains a given heat-resistant strength without contaminating said patterned electrode layer and said dielectric layer.

31 7. (New) The thin-film EL device according to Claim 1, wherein said electrically insulating substrate is selected from the group consisting of alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), quartz glass ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ), magnesia ( $\text{MgO}$ ), forsterite ( $2\text{MgO}\cdot\text{SiO}_2$ ), steatite ( $\text{MgO}\cdot\text{SiO}_2$ ), mullite ( $3\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\cdot 2\text{SiO}_2$ ), beryllia ( $\text{BeO}$ ), zirconia ( $\text{ZrO}_2$ ), aluminum nitride ( $\text{AlN}$ ), silicon nitride ( $\text{SiN}$ ), silicon carbide ( $\text{SiC}$ ), crystallized glass, high heat-resistance glass, green sheet glass substrates and enameled metal substrates.